

**REMARKS**

In response to the Restriction Requirement mailed August 18, 2008, Applicant elects claims 1-28 (Group I) drawn to a process for the production of synthetic gas comprising carbon monoxide and molecular hydrogen, which employs a heat exchange reformer to produce a heat exchange-reformed syngas product, wherein at least a portion of the heat required in the generation of said heat exchange-reformed syngas product is obtained by recovering heat from said reacted syngas product thereby cooling said syngas.

Applicant respectfully cancels claims 29, 31 and 33-42 (Groups II and III) without prejudice or disclaimer, and reserves the right to reintroduce them in one or more Divisional applications at a later date.

**CONCLUSION**

Applicant respectfully submits that the claims are in condition for allowance, and notification to that effect is earnestly requested. The Examiner is invited to telephone Applicant's attorney at (612) 373-6959 to facilitate prosecution of this application.

If necessary, please charge any additional fees or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 19-0743.

Respectfully submitted,

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